



**DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION**

**Public Meeting
Information**

NH 0037(156)125, Beadle County, PCN 06JA

**SD37 - From 21st Street S. to 9th Street S.
in Huron**

**Grading, Surfacing, Storm Sewer, Curb & Gutter, Sidewalk,
Lighting, Signals**

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Cary Cleland
Road Design Engineer

March 10, 2022



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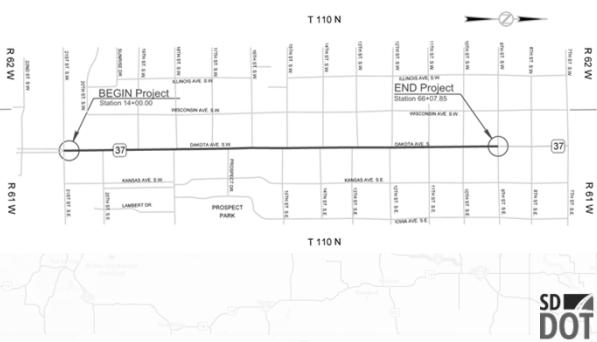
Purpose of the Meeting

- ❖ Involve the public in the planning and design process
- ❖ Provide a Project Overview
- ❖ Background Information
- ❖ Proposed Project
- ❖ Project Schedule
- ❖ Gather Input and Comments



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Project Limits



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Background Information



- ❖ Original Construction –
 - ❖ 21st St. South to 13th St. South (1958)
 - ❖ 13th St. South to 9th St South (1979)
- ❖ Last Surface Improvement in 2008 and 2020



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Traffic



- ❖ Current Average Daily Traffic (ADT) = 9955 (Year 2021)
- ❖ Projected ADT = 17481 (Year 2046)
- ❖ 5.4% Truck Traffic



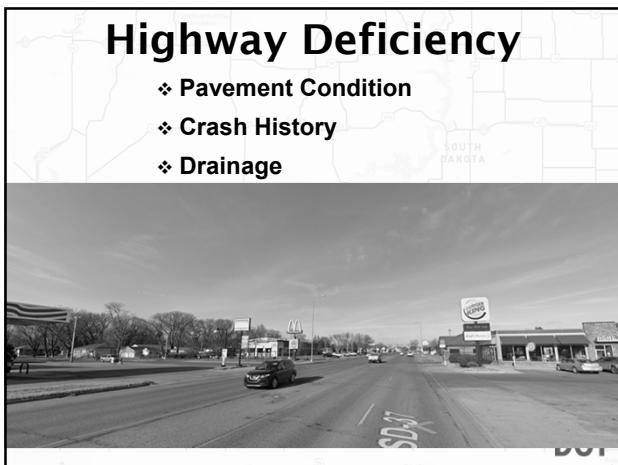
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Crash History

- ❖ 53 Reported Crashes (2016 to 2020)
 - ❖ 10 Rear End Collision
 - ❖ 25 Angle Intersection
- ❖ Reported crash rate (5 Year Period) –
 - ❖ 4.64 crashes per million vehicle miles of travel
- ❖ Urban Principal Arterial
 - ❖ Statewide Weighted Crash Rate = 1.92
 - ❖ crashes per million vehicle miles of travel



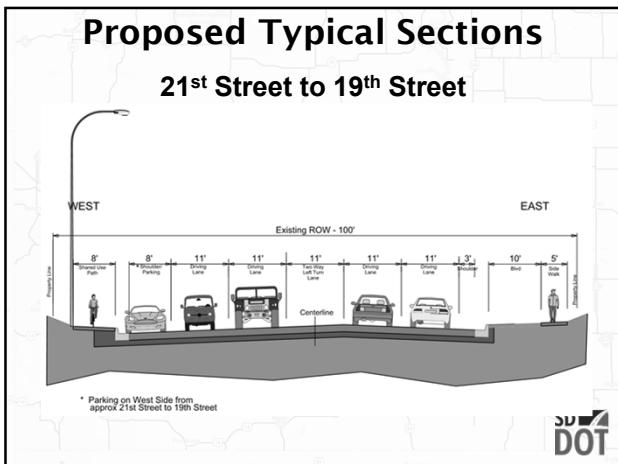
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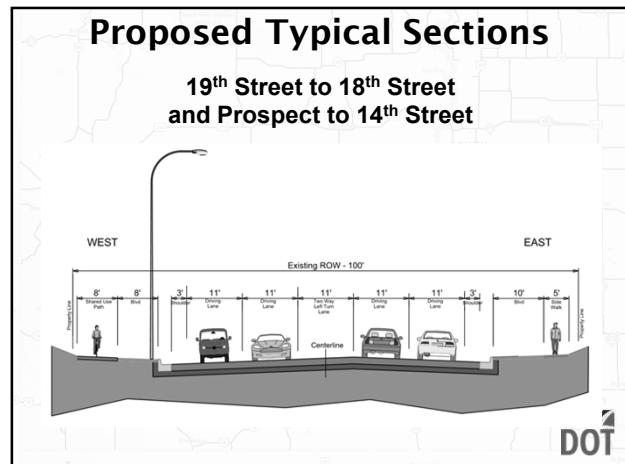
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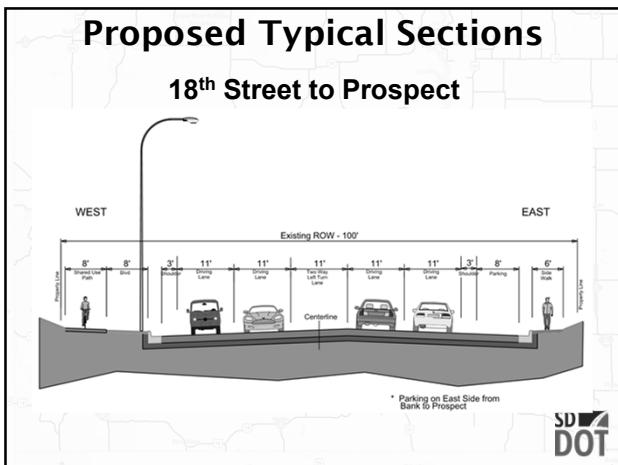
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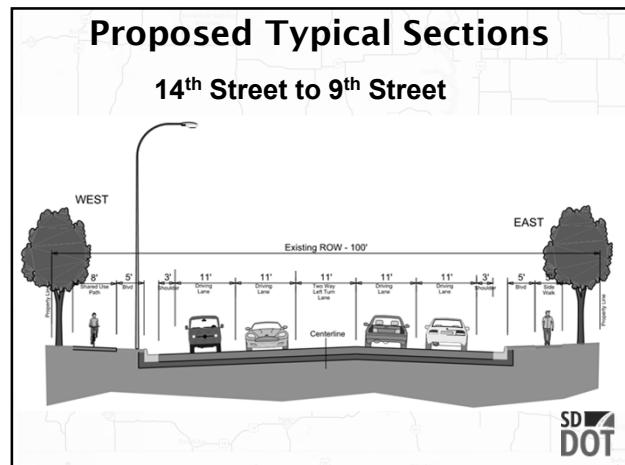
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Roadway Lighting

- ❖ New Light Poles for Entire Project



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Traffic Signals



- ❖ Replace Traffic Signals at Existing Locations
 - ❖ 18th St. South
 - ❖ 14th St. South
 - ❖ 9th St. South

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Access Management

- ❖ To provide safe, efficient access to streets and highways
- ❖ Limit number of direct accesses to major roadways
- ❖ Provide adequate spacing between driveways and cross-roads or signals

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Right of Way (ROW)

- ❖ Existing Width - 100'
- ❖ Purchase additional ROW as needed at intersection corners
- ❖ Temporary Easements as needed for construction

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Encroachments

- ❖ Encroachments - Private Property Located Within the Public ROW
 - ❖ Federal Highway Regulations
 - ❖ Safety
- ❖ Examples of Encroachments
 - ❖ Signs
 - ❖ Private Use (Parking)
 - ❖ Landscaping Items
- ❖ Owners of Encroachments will be Notified by the Huron Area Office

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Utility Coordination

- ❖ Some Utilities may need to be relocated
- ❖ Utility Companies may negotiate easements with landowners as needed



Midcontinent Communications
Verizon
Northwest Energy
SDN
Century Link
City of Huron

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Utility Coordination

- ❖ Any Known Private Utilities?
 - ❖ Waterlines
 - ❖ Private Sewers
 - ❖ Septic Tanks
 - ❖ Underground Storage Tanks
 - ❖ Underground Power Lines
- ❖ Contact SDDOT

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Utility Coordination

- ❖ Utility Mapping Services (UMS)
 - ❖ Hired by SDDOT to identify and Locate Underground Utilities with Greater Precision

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City Utility Project

- Project to be let in combination with State Project
- New Sanitary Sewer Construction
- Some Watermain Construction Possible

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Environmental, Social and Economic Concerns

- ❖ This project is being developed in accordance with applicable State and Federal environmental regulations.
- ❖ National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended.
- ❖ Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (No historic or archaeological sites will be impacted by the project)

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Environmental, Social and Economic Concerns

- ❖ Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (No wetlands will be impacted by the project)
- ❖ Section 4(f) of the USDOT Transportation Act of 1966 (No Parks Impacted by Project)

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Environmental, Social and Economic Concerns

- ❖ Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act
- ❖ The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will review the project to determine if it will impact the following species that are known to occur in Beadle County:
 - ❖ Birds: Rufa Red Knot & Whooping Crane
 - ❖ Mammals: Northern Long-Eared Bat
 - ❖ Plant: Western Prairie Fringed Orchid
- No impacts are anticipated to these species by the project.

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Trees

- ❖ 9th St. South to 5th St. South
- ❖ Due to construction activities, all boulevard trees will be removed as shown below. (Brookings)

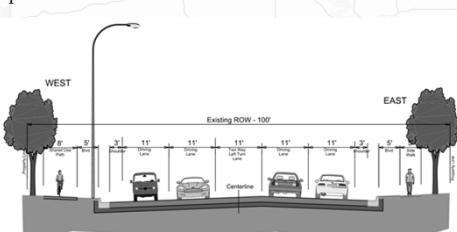


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Trees

- ❖ Post Construction, trees will be allowed outside of the new shared use path and sidewalk – not in the boulevard
- ❖ From 14th Street to 9th Street the Boulevard will be narrowed to allow room for tree planting outside the sidewalk or shared use path.



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Trees

- ❖ City of Huron is looking at possible options to re-establish trees along the project.
- ❖ Adjacent property owners will be asked to accept maintenance responsibility of the new trees



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Construction Traffic Control



- ❖ Project will be constructed under traffic. With half of the roadway being built at a time.

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Landowner Meetings

- ❖ **Summer 2022**
- ❖ Will be contacted by SDDOT to discuss project over the telephone or online (due to covid19)
- ❖ **Held with individual landowners adjacent to the project**
- ❖ Driveway or access location/width
- ❖ Sidewalk and Curb Ramps
- ❖ Drainage
- ❖ Trees
- ❖ Temporary Easements and / or ROW acquisition

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Tentative Project Schedule

Dependent on Federal Funding

Landowner Meetings	Summer 2022
Final Design	Winter 2022-2023
ROW Acquisition Process	Summer 2023 thru Fall 2024
Construction	2026
Estimated Cost:	\$10.2 million

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Questions or Comments

Please Submit Questions or Comments by
March 24, 2022 to:

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South Dakota Department of Transportation
5316 West 60th St. North
Sioux Falls, SD 57107
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Telephone: 605-367-4970 Ext. 1802142

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Access Management

South Dakota's Commitment to Safety and Smart
Investment Decisions in Transportation

What is Access Management?

Access Management is the process of providing highway entrances only at locations where they can be provided safely and efficiently.

Consider that each access point added to an undivided highway in an urban or suburban area increases the annual crash rate by 11 to 18 percent on that highway segment. In rural areas, each added access point increases the annual crash rate by 7 percent. Overall, driveway-access crashes alone cost South Dakota approximately \$36.5 million each year.

Each additional access point also contributes to congestion. The more driveways on a street the more places where people are slowing, changing lanes and turning. A five-lane street can quickly become a parking lot when there are many driveways in each block. When that happens, our valuable transportation investments are wasted and access to adjacent businesses is restricted.

Controlled access facilities are segments of highway where either no access or only limited access to the highway is allowed. Interstate highways are an example of controlled access facilities where no access to the highway is allowed.

Good access depends on the following:

- Limiting the number of conflict points (places where there is a potential for crashes)
- Separating conflict areas
- Reducing interference with through traffic
- Providing good on-site circulation and storage
- Properly spaced traffic signals

How does Access Management affect businesses?

Studies have shown that access management can provide three benefits to businesses adjacent to highways:

- Making sure that drivers can get in and out of businesses without being blocked by other traffic
- Making the highway more attractive by reducing congestion
- Extending the business' effective service area by reducing travel times

These benefits come not from having many driveways, but by having well-planned, well-located, high-capacity access points on the highway.

Even skeptical business owners have found that proper access management results in an improved business climate, as customers can easily get in and out of their business establishment.

For more information, please contact:

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Right of Way Information

Individual Landowner Meetings

During the early stages of the project's design, SDDOT will schedule a meeting with individual landowners having property adjacent to the project. See the following page for an explanation of the landowner meeting.

Property Acquisition Offer

After the project construction plans have been prepared and the right of way limits have been established, you may be contacted by an appraiser or negotiations agent to visit with you for that portion of your property that is needed for construction of the project. Your property will be valued and a written offer presented to you by a negotiating agent who will contact you for an appointment to make the written offer.

Relocation Assistance Program

This program provides a variety of services and payments to owners and tenants who have personal property affected by the right of way being acquired for the project.

Relocation payments are in addition to payments made for the real property being acquired. To preserve your eligibility for payments, do not move property until you have received a written relocation offer or have contacted John Keyes of the SDDOT Right of Way Program in Pierre. His phone number is 605-773-3746. Anyone not satisfied with the relocation offer made to them may appeal using the procedures described in the Relocation Brochure.

The landowner may be reimbursed for various fair and reasonable incidental expenses that may be incurred during the transfer of property to the State depending on impacts to personal property and qualifications.

Right of Way Information Brochures

Two brochures "Better Roads Brochure" and "Relocation Assistance Brochure" have been prepared which explain the SDDOT's Right of Way process. They provide information on your rights regarding the acquisition of your property and the benefits available to you with regard to the Relocation Assistance Program. These brochures are available at this meeting on the "Sign-in" table. Please feel free to take a copy of each with you. These brochures are available at the following SDDOT website: <https://dot.sd.gov/inside-sddot/forms-publications/brochures>



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Individual Landowner Meetings

The purpose of this meeting is to provide you with an opportunity to comment on various issues pertaining to the design of this highway project as it relates to your property.

The following topics will be discussed at the meetings. Please note that not all topics will apply to every property owner.

- Permanent purchase and/or temporary use of your property.
- Locations and widths of entrances to your property: The standard South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) entrance-width for rural highways is 24 feet. Note: In general, existing entrance widths along rural State Highways are 24 feet or smaller. A maximum width of 40 feet is allowed at locations where it is deemed appropriate and necessary. Entrances in urban areas can vary from 16 feet to 40 feet.

The goal of the SDDOT is to provide property owners located adjacent to the project with the access they need, and at the same time, enhance highway safety and reduce project costs. In some instances, the SDDOT may seek to combine duplicate entrances. For example, if your property has two or three entrances to the same property that are located close to each other, we would ask you to assess your current entrance needs and consider one entrance location that will meet those needs.

- Permanent fencing adjacent to the highway: SDDOT's fencing policy allows for the replacement of all disturbed fence with like-kind fence.

Two fence types are typically installed: **Type 2:** 4-strand barbed wire with 8-inch wire spacing, and **Type 6:** 32-inch woven wire with 1 strand of barbed wire on the bottom and 2 strands of barbed wire on the top. Page 12 of the "Better Roads Brochure" contains added discussion of your permanent fencing options. This brochure will be available at the meeting.

- Temporary fencing adjacent to the highway: Do you anticipate having livestock in pastures located adjacent to the proposed project during highway construction activities?
- Are you aware of any waterlines, drainfields, septic tanks, underground storage tanks, underground power lines, etc. that are located adjacent to the project and may be impacted by construction activities?
- Are there any highway-related drainage or flooding problems located along your property or elsewhere along this section of highway?
- Possible sites for gravel and additional fill material: Are you aware of potential material available for construction that might be located adjacent to the highway?
- Temporary access during construction activities.

Please review your property and be prepared to discuss the above issues, as well as any other issues that you feel are unique to your property. No offers to acquire property will be made at these meetings since revisions to the plans may occur from your input.



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Encroachments in ROW

Federal Regulations (CFR 23.1) require that the State Highway Department (SDDOT) will be responsible for preserving such ROW free of all public and private installation, facilities, and encroachments.

No improvements shall be allowed to remain in the ROW unless they are deemed in the best interest of the public and will not impair the highway or interfere with the free and safe flow of traffic.

Encroachments are any private property or improvement in the public ROW that is not approved by permit such as:

- Landscaping Items
- Fence
- Signs
- Buildings
- Etc.

SDDOT Staff will survey the project limits to identify all encroachments. Prior to the project being let to contract, landowners will be contacted by the SDDOT or City Government regarding how each encroachment will be addressed or handled. If it is determined that the removal of an encroachment is required, it will be the landowner's responsibility to remove the encroachment.

For additional information, please contact:

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SDDOT Huron Area Office
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Environmental, Social & Economic Impacts and Advanced Utility Coordination

Environmental, Social & Economic Impacts

- Project will comply with all state and federal environmental regulations.
- No splitting of neighborhoods will occur because of this project.
- Project will be coordinated with the following state and federal agencies:
 - SD Dept. of Environment & Natural Resources
 - SD Dept. of Game, Fish & Parks
 - US Fish & Wildlife Service
 - State Historic Preservation Office
 - US Forest Service
- For additional information, please contact:

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Advanced Utility Coordination

- Highway projects may require adjustments or relocation of existing utilities located along or crossing the highway project. The SDDOT has an "Advanced Utility Coordinating Process" in place that addresses all existing utility involvement. This process involves meeting with the utility owner and project designers to **review** any conflicts and determine the most cost-effective option of changing the design to avoid the existing utility or adjusting the utility. If the utility is required to relocate, all replacement utility easement acquisition and relocation work will be addressed and coordinated between the landowner and the utility company.
- For additional information, please contact:

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Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____ and/or Cell #: _____

Written testimony will be included in the meeting record.

Please submit comments by **March 24, 2022** to:

Paul Nikolas

SDDOT Office of Road Design

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